

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 5 through 7.

1. (Original) A rolling mill, comprising at least one horizontal stand (1) and at least one vertical stand (2), which are connected with each other,

**characterized in that**

connection elements (7) are releasably arranged between both stands (1, 2), wherein the connection elements (7) consist of a left flange (12), a right flange (14), and a web (13) arranged therebetween.

2. (Original) A rolling mill according to claim 1,

**characterized in that**

the flanges (12, 14) of the connection elements (7) are screwed with the horizontal stand (1) and the vertical stand (2).

3. (Original) A rolling mill according to claim 1,

**characterized in that**

one flange (12, 14) is screwed to the horizontal stand or to the vertical stand (20) and another flange (12, 14) is guided and wedged in a T-shaped groove (11) of the another stand (1, 2).

4. (Original) A rolling mill according to claim 1,

**characterized in that**

both flanges (12, 14) are guided and wedged in T-shaped grooves (11) in the horizontal and vertical stands (1, 2).

5. (Currently amended) A rolling mill according to ~~one of~~ claim 1 ~~through 4~~,

**characterized in that**

the connection elements (7) are arranged only above, or only below, or above and below a pitch line (10).

6. (Currently amended) A rolling mill according to ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 through 5,

**characterized in that**

the connection elements (7) are fitted in stress-free.

7. (Currently amended) A rolling mill according to ~~one of claims 3~~ ~~through 6~~ claim 4,

**characterized in that**

tangential wedges (15, 16) are used upon wedging of the flanges (12, 14).